

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FREELANCE EDITORS' ASSOCIATION

Held on Saturday, April 23rd, 1988
at the Steelworkers' Hall, Toronto

AGENDA

MOVED (Elizabeth Reid/Peter Scargall) that the agenda be adopted. Carried unanimously.

MINUTES

MOVED (Lee d'Anjou/Jane Affleck) that the minutes of the April 25, 1987 Annual General Meeting be adopted without amendment. Carried unanimously.

REPORTS (For most reports see the Annual General Report, 1988)

Chair of National Committee. Lee d'Anjou reported that the idea of FEAC going to a chapter system had been discussed at the Kingston meeting held in November 1987, at which all the regions were represented, and that while everyone felt it was a wonderful idea no one had the energy to implement it. It was generally felt that the formula that had been worked out to divide the membership money, which doesn't make much sense on paper, works very well in practice; for the time being, therefore, we will keep the present system.

Professional Development Committee. Amendment to Annual General Report submission: the sentence beginning "Photo research, a topic FEAC had not approached before..." should read, "Photo research, a topic FEAC has not approached for some years...."

MOVED (Brenda Missen/Ruth Chernia) that the reports of the committees be accepted as amended. Carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING

Fransess Halpenny. Subsequent to the motion at the March 1988 general meeting that a vote be taken at the Annual General Meeting to make Fransess Halpenny an honorary life member of FEAC:

MOVED (Olive Koyama/Dennis Mills) that Fransess Halpenny be made an honorary life member of FEAC. Carried unanimously.

Banff. Barbara Czarnecki reported that the Book Editing Workshop has got successfully underway at Banff. According to information gleaned from the workshop applications, FEAC as a source of professional development outweighs all other sources put together. Barbara also reported that she had been to a seminar of the University of Chicago Publishing Program and that American

editors were impressed by FEAC's 450+ members, directory, seminars, newsletter, and editorial contract, as well as Editing Canadian English.

NEW BUSINESS

First-year Voting Membership Discount. After discussion about giving first-year voting members the same discount as first-year associate members in order to encourage people to become voting members (some regions need voting members to serve on their executives), and to get rid of the impression that one has to start out as an associate member, even if one has the experience necessary to become a voting member:

MOVED (Steve Roney/Elizabeth Reid) that first-year memberships, both voting and associate, be given the same discount. Carried with 26 for, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention from Lydia Burton.

Membership Fee Increase. After discussion about increasing fees on the rationale that, since fees haven't been raised in three years for associates and six or seven for voting, it would be better to increase them gradually rather than to ask for a substantial increase in the event of a bad year and also on the rationale that as membership goes up, expenses are going up:

MOVED (Steve Roney/Lee d'Anjou) that all membership fees be increased by \$5.00. Carried unanimously.

ELECTIONS

Riça Night announced the slate of candidates arrived at by the Nominating Committee (a subcommittee of the Executive, consisting of herself, Lee d'Anjou, Olive Koyama, and Steve Roney):

President:	Stephen K. Roney
Vice-President:	Lydia Burton
Treasurer (National):	Avivah Wargon
Secretary:	Brenda Missen
Membership:	Olive Koyama
Directory:	Shaun Oakey
Professional Development:	Wendy Thomas
Industry Liaison:	Debby Seed
Publications:	Greg Ioannou
Technology:	Averil Strauss
Program:	Sandra LaFortune
Newsletter:	Kate Forster
Past President:	Riça Night

The slate was elected by acclamation.

The June 1987 elections of the following were approved:

B.C. Regional Chair: Lois Richardson
 Montreal Regional Chair: Mel Solman
 National Capital Region Chair: Jane Buckley

MOVED (Barbara Czarnecki/Sandra LaFortune) a vote of thanks to the continuing and outgoing members of the 1987/88 Executive. Carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Eric Mills reported that subsequent to volunteering to find out FEAC's position on the Canada-U.S. free-trade agreement, he has written an article to be published in the May issue of [sic]. He was able to find out three things: 1) that the BPDC (an umbrella organization to which FEAC belongs) has "expressed concern" to Communications Minister Flora MacDonald about a clause permitting the U.S. to retaliate against new Canadian cultural policies that cost Americans money; 2) that PWAC (Periodical Writers' Association of Canada) and the Writers' Union both endorsed a brief presented by ACTRA to a Commons Committee in Toronto in December and that the Writers' Union also presented its own brief; and 3) that the free-trade bill may have adverse effects on Canadian book and magazine publishing and printing because of U.S. competition. See the May 1988 issue of [sic] for Eric's complete article.

In the absence of any other business:

MOVED (Lydia Burton/Dennis Mills) that the meeting be adjourned. Carried unanimously at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Brenda Missen on April 23, 1988. Typed by Brenda April 30, 1988.

Riça Night
 President

Brenda Missen
 Secretary